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## THE GEORGIA DEMOCRACY.

At a Convention composed of the Democratic members of the Legislature of Georgia, and other distinguished men of the party, recently held in the Capitol at Milledgeville, the following Resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the principles and sentiments declared by the National Democratic Convention of 1852, remain in unimpaired strength as the bond which draws together the democracy of every section of our country in sympathy and union, and that the Democratic party of Georgia avail itself of this occasion to reiterate its cordial acquiescence in them.

Resolved, That we recognise in President Pierce, a long tried, patriotic and consistent exponent of these principles and sentiments—that his exposition of them in his Inaugural Address and recent message to Congress meets with our full concurrence, and having unabated confidence in his fidelity to them, we pledge to his administration our cordial support, and view its friends as our friends, its opponents as our opponents.

Resolved, That the Democratic party of Georgia emphatically avows its construction of the Baltimore Platform of 1852, in reference to the slavery question to be a distinct repudiation of the principle of the Wilmot Proviso, in any future organization of territory now in our possession, or hereafter to be acquired, and that we cannot recognise any one as belonging to the democratic party, who shall seek to enforce, or shall advocate this principle so repudiated.

Resolved, That while our warmest sympathies are due to those Northern Democrats who, amidst the storm of fanaticism on the slavery question, which has raged in past years in their section of the Union, stood firmly by the rights of the South, we recognise as Democrats all our fellow citizens of the North who now stand firmly with us on the platform of the National Democratic party, and are therefore pledged to defend the South from any future assaults upon her institutions.

Resolved, That to the ascendancy and integrity of the national democratic party, based as it is upon the principles recognised in its platform, the people of the South can confidently look, as a guarantee for the preservation of the reserved rights of the States, within the Union, and especially of their constitutional rights with reference to the institution of slavery.

These Resolutions are full and explicit; they embody the true sentiments of the Southern Democracy in relation to the slavery question and the administration. They are the result of the cordial union recently effected in Georgia between the "Union" and "Southern Rights" Democrats. We concur with the Richmond Enquirer that the work "would have been incomplete and unsatisfactory, if the Democrats of Georgia had effected a reconciliation without reference to the administration. Their union is the more solid and stable in being the result of devotion to principle, and they give an earnest of the efficiency of their future service in the party, by striking a blow at the start in behalf of the administration. The moral effect of the action of the Georgia Democracy, will be obvious and decisive. Their declaration of allegiance to the administration, is a terrible blow to the designs of those who reckoned the Democrats of Georgia among the malcontents, while it affords encouragement and support to such as have not wavered in the discharge of their duty."

The foregoing Resolutions, it will be observed, are silent in relation to the public lands; and yet Georgia is one of the old thirteen, with a debt quite as heavy as that of North Carolina. Her people are content that the old doctrine shall prevail—that the public lands shall remain in the hands of the federal government, to be managed by the government as a "prudent proprietor" would his own lands, for the benefit of all the parties to the compact. So of Tennessee, whose debt will soon reach eight millions of dollars; and so of Virginia, whose debt is some twenty millions. Indeed, Virginia, we believe, has never to this day availed herself of the benefits of the deposit act of 1836; but her portion of the money is in bank, and though her taxes are very high and her debt quite heavy, yet no one rises in his place in her Assembly and moves, with any prospect of success, that this money shall be accepted and used. North Carolina pursued, and as we think upon the whole, properly, a different course; yet this cannot diminish our admiration for a people, who, rather than incur in this respect the shadow of an imputation of dependence on the central government, deliberately and steadily refuse millions of money, and that too at a period when they so much need it to pay their debts and for educational and improvement purposes.

The proposition to divide the lands or their proceeds is but a proposition in disguise to assume the State debts—a policy against which the Republicans of the country have uniformly contended. It is a part of the entire series of federal measures, inseparably intertwined with a protective tariff, a national Bank, assumption of the pecuniary obligations of the States; and it would inevitably lead, sooner or later, to the destruction of State rights and the establishment on their ruins of a splendid-consolidated government. There can be no doubt of it. Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee perceive it to be so; Jackson and Calhoun so regarded it; and that Democrat, whatever the present may disclose to threaten or confuse, who sails with the flag-ship, old Virginia, or walks by the lights of Jackson and Calhoun, can neither go astray nor fall. Principle! brother Democrats, principle! Stand to that, and leave consequences to themselves. The people are competent to govern themselves; they understand this question much better than some politicians suppose. They are disgusted, and it is not surprising they should be, at the hypocrisy of Whig leaders on this subject. They were told, in 1840, that they should have their share of the land proceeds; but Whiggery, as soon as it got into power, passed a bill giving some four millions of acres to the new States, and providing for distributing certain proceeds among the old States; but at the next session they repealed that portion of the act relating to the old States, and cut them off from the money, but left these millions of acres, and that too of the best lands, in the possession of the new. Their own President, Mr. Fillmore, signed bills granting millions of acres to the new States; their last National Convention was silent on the land question; and yet these Whig leaders have the assurance to complain of Democrats for squandering the lands when not the first bill of the kind has been signed by President Pierce! These facts are known to the people; and they are, we repeat, competent in every respect to act upon them.

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## NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

The Potiphar Papers (reprinted from Putnam's Monthly). These papers would have afforded us many a hearty laugh could we have looked upon the scenes there depicted as a libel or a caricature; but we are satisfied, from our own experience and the testimony of others, that the picture is a sad and sober reality, drawn by a master's hand. That the "best society" here described has any counter part in this country may well be doubted, for it is a misnomer to call this the best society. In the words of our author, "Who make this country? From whom is its character of unparalleled enterprise, heroism and success derived? Who have given it its place in the respect and fear of the world? Who annually recruit its energies, confirm its progress and secure its triumph? Who are its characteristic children, the pith, the sinew, the bone of its prosperity? Who found and direct and continue its manifold institutions of mercy and education? Who are essentially Americans? Indignant friends, these classes, wherever they may be, are the "best society," because they alone are the representatives of its character and cultivation." These papers have no doubt been read by many in the pages of the "Monthly" in which they first appeared, but to those who have not seen them, we can recommend them as affording an hour's entertainment, and perhaps they may cause some deep and serious thoughts on the tendency of the increasing luxury and extravagance prevailing in our country.

Health Trip to the Tropics, by N. P. Willis. The writings of Willis are so well known that it is scarcely necessary to do more than give the title and contents of this volume. It seems to consist of a number of letters written by Willis for the Home Journal during his Southern trip, and here collected. We must not look for much earnest or serious thinking in Willis's writings; but there are few who excel him in that lively off-hand description of men and manners, which have the charm of novelty, and is almost equal to seeing with one's own eyes. Among the most interesting letters are those describing the Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, one of those natural wonders which would repay a trip across the Atlantic far more even than those old cathedrals and feudal castles which attract so many Americans who have never seen the more mighty and wonderful works of God in their own country. What are all the piles of men's erecting, to this spacious cavern, extending miles under ground and forming halls, domes, pits, mountains, such as the light of the sun never shone upon? Willis seems to have taken a step from the West Indies to Kentucky and back again to the Islands, but we care not for the suddenness of the change since he introduces his readers to such glorious scenes.

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LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

We copy from the New York Herald the following items of literary intelligence:

"Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe is busy with the proof sheets of her 'Journal in Europe.' A free-soil and progress in general magazine was to have been commenced by her publishers on the beginning of the new year; but there was a three-up of some sort, we believe, and the scheme has been abandoned. It is doubtful whether a partizan magazine of the description proposed could be successful, notwithstanding the fact that 400,000 copies of 'Uncle Tom' have been sold in this country.

Mr. Benton's 'Thirty Years in the Senate' is rapidly passing through the press, and will make two very large octavo volumes, printed with small type in double columns. There is a prospect that this work will have a larger sale than any historical composition ever printed. Already more than fifty thousand copies, at \$5 per copy, have been subscribed for, and it is anticipated that in the first year after its appearance it will attain to a circulation of not less than one hundred thousand copies—a success, for so expensive a publication, without parallel in all the world.

The North American Review has gone into the hands of Crosby & Nichols, of Boston, who have cashed Professor Bowen, who had nearly run the work into the ground, and engaged Dr. Peabody to be its editor. The Southern Quarterly Review has also changed proprietors, but it will still be edited by Dr. Simms. Dr. Huntington, author of 'Alice,' 'The Forest,' &c., has gone to Baltimore to edit the Roman Catholic magazine, published there; and a new review—the Episcopal Quarterly—is to appear in this city in a few days.

William Gilmore Simms is the most prolific of American novelists. He has written under various names, nearly as many novels and romances as Mr. James, and he keeps pace with that industrious gentleman in every year's production. A new and very handsome edition of all his works has just been commenced, and will be completed in forty or fifty volumes, of which the series of Revolutionary tales, 'The Partisan,' 'The Yemassee,' &c., will make five. His 'Poems,' in two volumes, will be out next week.

A son of the late Richard Henry Wilde has in preparation the 'Life, Letters and Literary Remains' of that accomplished gentleman and elegant scholar. Mr. Wilde is known to have left nearly completed a critical memoir of Dante—Tasso; and, besides his graceful and original poems a collection of Italian songs, which he had translated while residing in Tuscany.

Mr. Bancroft's sixth volume, concluding the 'History of the American Revolution,' is about half printed, and will probably be in the market by the beginning of February. The author will doubtless proceed immediately with the additional three volumes, to close with Mr. Madison's administration and the second war with Great Britain.

Bohn, the great English publisher—whose book have the correctness of the Aldine editions, every advantage of intelligent and learned annotation, and the most convenient form—is to commence with the new year a 'Historical Library,' to comprise the best English historians—Hume, Gibbon, Robertson, &c.—with the best histories from other languages. No popular libraries have ever been selected so judiciously as those of Bohn, and their unparalleled cheapness insures for them